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☒ Copy of the International Search Report for PCT appln. No. PCT/US03/28796  
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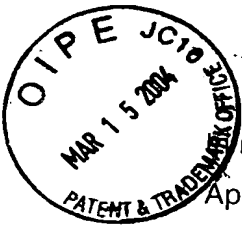
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,173,672	11/06/1979	Mannheim
5,306,548	04/26/1994	Zabrocki et al.
5,393,365	02/28/1995	Smith
5,501,910	03/26/1996	Smith
5,591,530	01/07/1997	Warner et al.
5,609,703	03/11/1997	Hamada et al.
6,040,044	03/21/2000	Takahashi et al.
6,187,415	02/13/2001	Gaa
6,399,193	06/04/2002	Ellison
6,536,177	03/25/2003	Italiane et al.

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this

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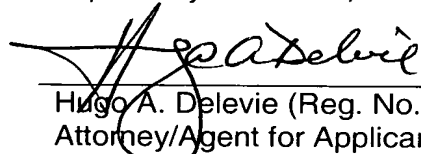
application. Also attached is a copy of the International Search Report mailed December 29, 2003, in PCT application No. PCT/US03/28796, ENTITLED "Laminate Structure Suitable for Furniture Exteriors," filed by Applicant on the same day and likewise claiming benefit of earlier-filed provisional application No. 60/410,105.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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Enclosures: Form PTO-1449 (one sheet)

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